

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 17-A: MAINE CRIMINAL CODE**  
**Chapter 1: PRELIMINARY**

**§16. WARRANTLESS ARRESTS BY A PRIVATE PERSON**

Except as otherwise specifically provided, a private person has the authority to arrest without a warrant:  
[ 2007, c. 173, §7 (AMD). ]

1. Any person who the private person has probable cause to believe has committed or is committing:

A. Murder; or [ 1977, c. 510, §25 (RPR). ]

B. Any Class A, Class B or Class C crime. [ 1975, c. 740, §22 (NEW). ]

[ 2007, c. 173, §7 (AMD). ]

2. Any person who, in fact, is committing in the private person's presence and in a public place any of the Class D or Class E crimes described in section 207; 209; 211; 254; 255-A; 501-A, subsection 1, paragraph B; 503; 751; 806; or 1002.

A. [ 2007, c. 466, Pt. B, §12 (AFF); 2007, c. 466, Pt. B, §11 (RP). ]

[ 2007, c. 518, §5 (AMD). ]

3. For the purposes of subsection 2, in the presence has the same meaning given in section 15, subsection 2.

[ 1975, c. 740, §22 (NEW). ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

1975, c. 740, §22 (NEW). 1977, c. 510, §25 (AMD). 1979, c. 127, §125 (AMD). 2007, c. 144, §1 (AMD). 2007, c. 173, §7 (AMD). 2007, c. 466, Pt. B, §11 (AMD). 2007, c. 466, Pt. B, §12 (AFF). 2007, c. 518, §5 (AMD).

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